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MEMORANDUM FOR: SR/RR

SUBJECT : Information of Possible Interest for
Dissemination

1. The following information was received from a Catholic priest of the Salisian Order in Italy who visited in the Ukrainian SSR in September of this year.

2. In Lvov, the source met with one of the nuns of a Ukrainian Catholic order whose name was mentioned in the November 1963, No. 46 issue of the Soviet magazine Ogonyok as having been caught with a group of nuns smuggling crucifixes and other religious articles from Poland into the UkSSR. The nun told the source that the nuns involved in this incident were subjected to search and interrogation and then released by the KGB without being prosecuted. The nuns returned to their respective jobs in various hospitals. They live in groups at private addresses to which the nun with whom the source spoke referred to as their "unofficial monasteries."

3. The source was told by Soviet Ukrainians with whom he spoke in Lvov that shoes and other articles of clothing are brought in to Lvov in great quantities by Hungarian, Czech and Slovak tourists for resale to Soviet Ukrainians. Many people come from eastern Ukraine areas specifically to buy these items brought in from the satellites.

4. If the foregoing is used, the source may be described as a United States citizen (usually reliable) from a West European, a former Polish citizen (untested, probably reliable), who visited the Soviet Union in September of this year. (Project AERODYNAMIC). Please contact [redacted] on extension 7168 if you have any questions regarding the above information.

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